

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 356

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Tennessee marching bands.

WHEREAS, for decades, Tennessee marching band state championships were divided into three levels: the Division I and Division II state championships and the Contest of Champions at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) allows five classes in volleyball; six classes in basketball, baseball, and softball; and nine classes in football; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, several schools joined together and established the Tennessee Small Band Association (TSBA) and TSBA Celebration marching championship; and

WHEREAS, TSBA-member marching bands represent those public schools in the State of Tennessee with a student enrollment of 500 or less, according to TSSAA enrollment figures, and include those with thirty or less wind and percussion instruments; and

WHEREAS, the new physical awards for such TSBA championships are known and recognized as the Senate Trophy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize those estimable teachers who have dedicated their time and energies to both educating their students and helping to provide them with college scholarship and competitive opportunities in secondary schools around the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Watertown High School Band and Band Director Scott Corley for hosting the first ever Tennessee Small Band Association

Celebration on October 29, 2022, and that we recognize pioneer member directors and bands Sam Stough and Mt. Pleasant High School Band, Ryan Lambright and Jo Byrns High School Band, Maria Pulley and Wayne County High School Band, Jacob Peterson and Richland School band, Nick Berryman and Collinwood High School Band, and Robert A. Joines II and the first TSBA Marching Champion, the Trousdale County High School Band, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.